

Spaceport America Regional Spaceport District

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Spaceport America

Zoom Link:

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Meeting ID: 714 605 1881

Passcode: 454955

Tour of Spaceport: 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order: Immediately following the tour

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

*New Mexico State Flag Pledge-I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zia symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.*

Roll Call of Members Present and Determination of Quorum

Introduction of Guests

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - A. January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- III. Presentation/reports
  - A. Treasurers Report
  - B. Regional Spaceport District Funding Requests
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
  - A. Consideration/Funding of Spaceport Projects
- VI. Resolutions
- VII. Public Input
- VIII. Adjournment

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## **Spaceport America Regional Spaceport District (SARSD) Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

Location: Doña Ana County Government Center, Las Cruces, NM & via Microsoft Teams

### **Call to Order (9:04 AM):**

Director Manuel Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance (9:05AM):**

Director Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance and the New Mexico State Flag Pledge.

### **Roll Call – Board Members Present (9:06 AM):**

- Director Manuel Sanchez
- Director Jim Paxon
- Director Eric Enriquez
- Director Kim Skinner
- Director Susana Chaparro (present at roll call; departed prior to later votes)

### **Item #1 - Approval of Agenda (9:08 AM):**

Motion: Director Jim Paxon

Second: Director Eric Enriquez

Roll Call Vote:

Director Enriquez – Yes

Director Chaparro – Yes

Director Skinner – Yes

Director Paxon – Yes

Director Sanchez – Yes

**Result: Approved 5-0.**

**Item 2 - Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2025 SARSD Board Meeting (9:12 AM):**

Motion: Director Kim Skinner

Second: Director Jim Paxon

Roll Call Vote:

Director Enriquez – Yes

Director Skinner – Yes

Director Paxon – Yes

Director Sanchez – Yes

**Result: Approved 4-0.**

**Item 3A – Update on Spaceport American Regional Spaceport District Bank Account (9:15AM)**

Director Sanchez noted the balance in the Citizens Bank account of \$9,274,631.02 on January 8, 2026.

**Items 3B – Presentation on Spaceport Projects (9:17 AM)**

Scott McLaughlin, NMSA Director, provided a comprehensive update covering: - Current and new customers (including Hermes, Venus Aerospace, Leap Space, Prismatic, Precision AI) - Department of Defense and White Sands Missile Range collaboration - Virgin Galactic fleet updates and projected economic impact - Capital improvement projects and infrastructure readiness - Economic impact data and long-term growth projections

No formal action was taken on this item.

**Item 4A – Consideration/Funding of Spaceport Projects Presentation (9:40 AM):**

Luis Saenz and Francisco Pallares presented a request for additional SARSD funding totaling \$2.5 million, consisting of: - \$1.3 million – Hangar project bid overrun - \$500,000 – Infrastructure development contingency - \$200,000 – Reverse osmosis system compliance and monitoring - \$500,000 – Fiber redundancy grant match

**Item 4B - Funding Resolution approving the following items (9:55AM):**

- **Hangar Project Bid Overrun - \$1,300,000**
- **HLA S. Development Project Contingency - \$500,000**
- **Reverse Osmosis Well Monitoring & Infrastructure Improvements - \$200,000**
- **Fiber Redundancy Project - \$500,000**

Motion: Director Kim Skinner

Second: Director Eric Enriquez

Roll Call Vote:

Director Enriquez – Yes

Director Skinner – Yes

Director Paxon – Yes

Director Sanchez – Yes

**Result: Approved 4-0.**

**Item 4C – Selection of Chair and Vice Chair (10:00 AM)**

Director Jim Paxon selected as Chairman for 2026. Nomination by Director Sanchez.  
Second by Director Skinner.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Enriquez – Yes

Director Skinner – Yes

Director Paxon – Yes

Director Sanchez – Yes

**Result: Approved 4-0.**

Director Manny Sanchez selected as Vice-Chairman for 2026. Nomination by Director Paxon. Second by Director Enriquez.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Enriquez – Yes

Director Skinner – Yes

Director Paxon – Yes

Director Sanchez – Yes

**Result: Approved 4-0.**

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting scheduled for June 2, 2026 (tentative).

**Adjournment (10:09 AM)**

**Attendance Report:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>First Join</b>	<b>Leave</b>
Director Manuel Sanchez	1/20/26, 9:01:47 AM	1/20/26, 10:11:18 AM
Rodriguez, Salvador, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:06:11 AM
Marquez, Louise, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:38 AM
Pallares, Francisco, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:40 AM
Hurley, Charles, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:37 AM
Hernandez, Patrick, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 9:05:38 AM
Force, Melissa, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:37 AM
Bush, Rani, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:04 AM
Garcia, Amanda, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:28 AM
Dean, Becky, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:11:15 AM
Saenz, Luis, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:42 AM
Director Eric Enriquez	1/20/26, 9:02:01 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:42 AM
McLaughlin, Scott, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:02 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:41 AM
Director Kim Skinner	1/20/26, 9:02:02 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:51 AM
Dunne, John, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:02 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:38 AM
Trujillo, Art, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:02 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:35 AM
Director Jim Paxon	1/20/26, 9:02:03 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:41 AM
Acosta, Cilicia, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:03 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:37 AM
Lopez, Chris, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:02:03 AM	1/20/26, 10:02:56 AM
Director Susana Chaparro	1/20/26, 9:03:26 AM	1/20/26, 9:43:00 AM
Perez, Maja, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:03:32 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:33 AM
Gensheimer, Eric, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:04:40 AM	1/20/26, 10:04:05 AM
Markham, Chris, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:05:11 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:49 AM
Franco, Sandra, NMSA	1/20/26, 9:05:25 AM	1/20/26, 9:27:51 AM
Stephen Lopez	1/20/26, 9:25:06 AM	1/20/26, 10:09:36 AM




# Regional Spaceport District Funding Request

*The Space to Be...*

JUNE 02, 2026

# Summary of New Funding Requests

The following additional capital investments are requested to sustain operations, enhance safety, and expand revenue-generating capacity at Spaceport America.

Project	Purpose	Requested Amount
Construction Security	To provide full time security for construction entrance	<b>\$300,000</b>
Water Infrastructure and SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)	New system monitoring, automation & revenue water and power metering	<b>\$1,350,000</b>
New VLA Modular Office & Operational Support Facilities	Replacement modular offices & leasable space	<b>\$235,000</b>
300' × 300' Concrete Apron Expansion	Increase apron size to support existing and new customer flight operations	<b>\$5,500,000</b>
 <b>Total New Requests</b>		<b>\$7,385,000</b>

# Previously RSD Funds Request Summary

FUNDED SPACEPORT PROJECTS · Total Request : \$22.9M

**\$9.8M**

Fabric Hangar / Payload Facility

**\$8M**

Spaceport Technology & Reception Center (STARC)

**\$2.9M**

HLA NE Access Road & Utility Extensions

**\$1.5M**

Environmental Impact Statement

**\$200K**

Reverse Osmosis Well Monitoring  
System

**\$500K**

Fiber Redundancy Project

# Capital Project Update

## New Infrastructure

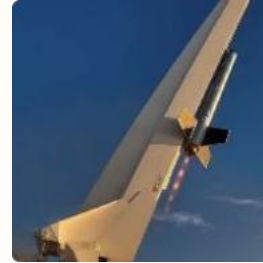
- New Event Viewing Lot & VG Replica Relocation — \$530K (*COMPLETE*)
- HLA South Access Road & Utility Extensions — \$2.6M
- Access Control/ Mancher Mitigation Improvements- \$530K
- Wireless Network Core Install — \$300K (*COMPLETE*)
- Network Modernization Initiative— \$695K
- Phase 2 - Surveillance and Access Control— \$245K

## Operations

- Reverse Osmosis System — \$1.25M (*COMPLETE*)
- GTS Roof Replacement Design — \$250K (*COMPLETE*)
- GRT Roof Replacement — \$2.5M
- Pavement Maintenance Engineering Report — \$150K (*COMPLETE*)

## New Infrastructure - GRT Funded Projects

- **N. HLA Road & Utility Expansion Design — \$96K**
- **N. HLA Sanitary Sewer Planning and Engineering— \$57K**
- **STARC (Spaceport Technology and Reception Center) — \$16M**
- **New S. HLA Fabric Hangar / Payload Facility — \$16M**
- **Environmental Impact Statement - \$1.5M (Procurement Underway)**







NEW REQUEST

# Construction Security

Funding is being requested to support security entrance and operational oversight across the Spaceport campus due to increased construction and contractor activity.

- Additional security oversight required due to multiple active construction projects occurring simultaneously across the Spaceport campus.
- Increased contractor traffic and equipment movement within secured operational areas.

**Requested Funding: \$300,000**



NEW REQUEST

## Water Infrastructure and SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition)



This project primarily funds a new SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system that will provide real-time monitoring, automated alarms, emergency shutoff capabilities, and remote operational oversight, allowing staff to quickly identify and respond to system failures.

The project also introduces new water and power metering infrastructure to improve revenue collection through accurate tenant water usage tracking and billing.

**Requested Funding: \$1,350,000**

NEW REQUEST

# New VLA Modular Office & Operational Support Facilities

NMSA is requesting additional funding to:

- Remove and dispose of deteriorated temporary trailer facilities that have reached the end of their useful life.
- Procure and install new modular/mobile office and launch support trailer units.
- Construct a shade structure to support operational and personnel needs on-site.
- Provide flexible, relocatable, and revenue-generating leasable space to support current and future Spaceport operations and growth.



**Requested Funding: \$235,000**

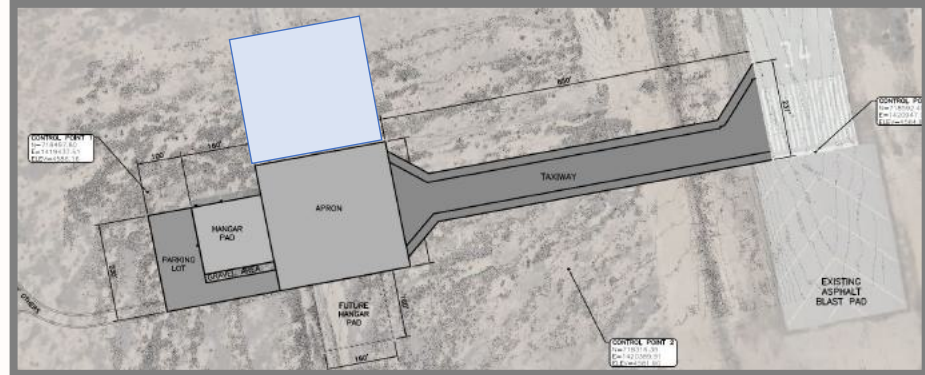
## NEW REQUEST

# 300' x 300' Concrete Apron Expansion

NMSA is requesting additional funding to extend the concrete apron at the south end of the runway, improving current and future operational capacity at Spaceport America.

This expansion builds on existing taxiway and hangar infrastructure while adding leasable apron space to support simultaneous operations such as Hermeus testing and Thunderbirds demonstrations.

- Supports multi-tenant simultaneous operations
- Expands leasable apron space for future aerospace users
- Improves aircraft access, staging, and operational flexibility




**Requested Funding: \$5,500,000**

**Questions?**

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